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SUBJ: REACTION TO BOUMEDIENE STATEMENT

1. WE HAVE REPORTED SEPTTEL INITIAL AND TENTATIVE REACTIONS OF SOME ME DELS TO BOUMEDIENE STATEMENT. EARLY CORRIDOR COMMENTS OF OTHER DELS GENERALLY SUPERFICIAL AND SO PRELIMINARY AS TO PRECLUDE MEANINGFUL GENERALIZATION. FOLLOWING ARE REACTIONS AS OF MID-AFTERNOON APRIL 10.

2. YUGOSLAV COUNSELOR JOB FOUND STATEMENT WELL-STUDIED, COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT, BEST PRESENTATION YET OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THE LDCS. JOB BELIEVED POINT RE MARSHALL PLAN AID IS CORRECT, AND RELEVANT; HE PRAISED ARGUMENT FOR NATIONALIZATION IN CONTEXT OF COUNTRIES HAVING TO "LIBERATE" THEMSELVES; JOB AGREED 100 PERCENT THAT EMPHASIS OF SESSION SHOULD BE ON PROBLEMS LDCS ARE FACING AND THAT BOUMEDIENE WAS RIGHT IN SAYING DCS CONCERN OVER OIL PRICE INCREASE WAS "NOT MATTER OF TOP PRIORITY"; HE WAS ALSO PLEASED WITH BOUMEDIENE'S POINT THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS COOPERATION WILL DEPEND ON THE ATTITUDE OF THE

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DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY FOUND SPEECH QUITE REASONABLE, SAYING IT CONTAINED NOTHING WHICH USG SHOULD OBJECT AND CLAIM BOUMEDIENE ACTUALLY SAID NOTHING NEW ABOUT NATIONALIZATION. UN COULD NOT RESOLVE TRICKY MONETARY AND PRICE FIXING ISSUES, HE SAID, STAFFS OF OTHER EE DELEGATIONS FAVORABLY NOTED ALGERIAN SUPPORT FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY SPENDING BUT WERE SENSITIVE TO WHAT SOME OF THEM SAW AS ACCURATE ALGERIAN REFLECTION OF NON-ALIGNED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF FRUITS OF DETENET; OTHERS HIGHLIGHTED ALGERIAN ENDORSEMENT OF DETENTE. SEVERAL PRAISED THE SPEECH AS "GOOD" OR "BETTER THAN EXPECTED."

4. FRENCH PERM REP DE GUIRINGAUD FOUND SPEECH CONSTRUCTIVE AND VERY STRONG. HE WQS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY BOUMEDIENE EMPHASIS ON SELF-SUPPORT AND HIS CALL FOR PRACTICE OF AUSTERITY BY ALL COUNTRIES. UK MINISTER SAID STATEMENT WAS "NOT AS BAD AS COULD HAVE BEEN" BUT HE FELT IT CLEARLY PUT SPECIAL SESSION ON ROAD TO CONFRONTATION UNLESS NON-ALIGNED WOULD SETTLE FOR "EMPTY PIECE OF PAPER." BELGIAN DEPUTY SAID HE RESENTED TONE OF BOUMEDIENE'S STATEMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE ATTITUDE THAT ALGERIA SHOULD BE MODEL FOR OTHERS, THAT MORAL JUDGMENT SHOULD BE PLACED ON DEVELOPED NATIONS. FRG MINISTER-COUNSELOR HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY TOUGHNESS OF ALGERIAN LINE.

5. IN PLENARY STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOUMEDIENE'S, ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER SUPPORTED ALGERIA'S GENERAL POSITION, BUT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CREATING FAVORABLE PUBLIC OPINION CLIMATE IN DEVELOPED WORLD AND WARNED THAT NOT ALL NAC DECLARATIONS COULD BE FULFILLED IMMEDIATELY. HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY ISSUES WOULD NEED TO BE CREATED BY SPECIALIZED UN ENTITIES. IN SEPARATE INFORMAL REACTION TO BOUMEDIENE, ARGENTINE COUNSELLOR TOLD US THAT OPENING STATEMENT "EXCELLENT AND PROVIDED THE PROPER FRAMEWORK AND COCUMENTATION FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION." HE SAID GOA IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH ALL ALGERIAN POINTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THAT ON NATIONALIZATION. HE ALSO THOUGHT BOUMEDIENE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN EFFORT TO AVOID POLITICAL POLEMICS. PERU PERMREP SAID THAT BOUMEDIENE'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT SO COMPREHENSIVE THAT MOST OTHER SPEECHES WOULD BE DUPLICATIVE. HONDURAN PERMREP SAID HE THOUGHT STATEMENT WAS SENSIBLE IN CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS BUT "POLITICALLY EXTREMIST." JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR FOUND BOUMEDIENE'S STATEMENT "FORWARD-THINKING (BEGIN BRACKETS) WITH (END BRACKETS) MANY POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS."

6. INDIAN AMBASSADOR SEN APPROVED BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH

"AS FAR AS IT ENT." HOWEVER, IT IS ONE THING, HE ADDED,
TO BEMOAN CONDITIONS BUT ANOTHER TO OFFER SOLUTIONS.
"IT IS SOLUTIONS," HE STRESSED, "THAT WE NEED NOW."
AN INDIAN FIRST SECRETARY CALLED THE STATEMENT "SURPRISINGLY
MODERATE."

7. STAFFS OF MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND THAI MISSIONS
EACH CHARACTERIZED STATEMENT AS "MODERATE." INDONESIAN
COUNSELLOR REACTED WITH GENERAL DISAPPROVING COMMENTT.

8. FROM AFRICA, DELS OF MALI, UPPER VOLTA THOUGHT IT A
GOOD STATEMENT. TANZANIAN PERMREP WAS ENTHUSIASTIC,
SAYING IT WELL-RESEARCHED, FREE OF POLITICS AND TREATED
ISSUES RESPONSIBLY IN GREAT DEPTH AND DETAIL. ZAIRE
MISOFFS THOUGHT IT CONSTRUCTIVE AND ACCURATELY
REFLECTED NON-ALIGNED VIEW. GHANIAN COUNSELLOR SAID SPEECH
WAS "DISAPPOINTING," WITHOUT CONCRETE PROPOSALS. LIBERIAN
FOREIGN-FINANCE MINISTER, WITHOUT DETAIL, MADE CLEAR
HIS REACTION WAS SOUR. UGANDA PRAISED SPEECH, PARTICULARLY
REFERENCE TO MARSHALL PLAN, SINCE "NEED OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IS AS STRONG AS NEED OF EUROPE AFTER WAR . . .
THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDED GRANT AID." OAU REP THOUGHT
SPEECH EXCELLENT AND HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE.
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